

Vancouver will donate land for post office and customs house - November 12, 1888

Mayor to inform Dominion Government that city requests and will donate land to establish post office and customs house in a central part of the city. Request to council to re-locate newly built morgue.

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Vancouver Nov 12th 1888

The Council met on Monday Nov 12, 1888 at 7:30 P. M.

Present His Worship Mayor Oppenheimer, Aldermen Alexander, Brighthouse, Clark, Coldwell, Dougall, Humphries, and Oppenheimer.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Carminia De Stefano and Raffael Nero, claiming wages for work done under Cerra & Co. Sixth Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From Drake, Jackson & Helmcken asking the City to remove Morgue from present Site. Referred to City Solicitor.

From Dobson & Son, asking to submit for inspection the plans and specifications of Hot Air Furnace. Referred to Board of Works.

From Robert Barker et al asking that a sidewalk be laid on Hamilton Street. Referred to Board of Works.

From W. Cowderoy et al drawing attention to the condition of Block 41 District Lot 196 from the water running on it from Powell St. Referred to Board of Works.

From Fader Bros. Et al asking that Granville St South be gravelled. Referred to Board of Works.

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From John Thomson asking to be permitted to erect a roof over his tent on Cordova Street. Referred to City Solicitor.

From V. Eng Panett, Deputy Minister of Militia and Defense, acknowledging receipt of letter re Park. Filed.

From J. M. Browning, Commissioner asking if the City any longer required the old hospital. Referred to Board of Health.

From Millar M. D. asking for copies of City By-Laws. Filed.

From Millar M. D. asking for a refund of \$3.00 paid into Court. Referred to City Solicitor.

From E. Sanders pressing for the passing of the By-Law to alter the name of Dupont Street east of Westminster Avenue. Filed.

From Annie Theresa Lucas asking that a sidewalk be laid on Georgia Street on the North Side. Referred to Board of Works.

## Reports

### Finance No 25

The Finance Committee met on Friday November 9th 1888 and beg to recommend the payment of the following accounts:

Carswell & Co. Law Book \$4.10

S. T. Tilley, Stationery 22.00

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Wood and Charlton, Stationery \$5.50

H. A. Mellon, Returning officer 5.00

John Devine, Returning officer 5.00

DL. Gow, Returning officer 5.00

Thos. Andrews, Returning officer 5.00

J. McDonald, Drayage 2.00

Tattersall's Stables 3.00

C. P. Telegraph Co. 2.05

Palmer Bros. Coal 30.00

News Advertiser 242.25

F. X. Martin, Groceries 11.10

We beg to recommend that the City Hall be insured for 3 years in the Aetna Assurance Co for \$5000.00 at 3% and Fire Hall No 1 for 1 year in the Citizens Insurance Co for \$2500.00 at 6%.

Sgd., Rich H. Alexander, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Coldwell seconded by Alderman Dougall. That the report of the Finance committee be adopted. Carried.

Works No 39

The Board of Works met on Saturday the 10th inst. and recommend that a two foot sidewalk be laid on the North side of Pender Street West with a part of the 15 lin ft. of Lumber already asked for by the Board.

That an eight ft. plank sidewalk be laid on the West Side of Heatley

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Avenue from Powell Street to the Railway Track.

That the Board further urgently recommends that they be empowered to proceed at once and made the necessary repairs on Georgia Street near Hotel Vancouver, as petitioned for by Mr. Mathews.

That the City Engineer be instructed to examine and report on the cost of gravelling or planking the whole or part of the lane in Block 6, 196.

That he also examine and report on the cost of grading that part of Prior Street lying between Gore Avenue and Dunlevy Avenue.

That the petition to have the surveyed road lying between Blocks 129 & 130 Lot 264A closed, be referred to the City Solicitor.

The following accounts are recommended for payment:

Royal City Planing Mills Co \$23.32  
A. Godfrey & Co. 5.93  
O'Toole & Ralph 2.10  
Stephenson & McCraney 10.50  
H. A. Berry & Co. 9.55  
Moodyville Saw Mill Co. 99.23  
Boyd & Clandening 19.50  
Royal City Planing Mills Co. 14.40  
A. Bunker, Estimate on Seymour St 21.08  
Boyd & Clandening on Georgia St 693.48  
do on Richards St 2248.10  
A. Bunker on Hastings St 648.00  
Hugh McDonald on Burrard St 1259.11  
McDonald & Cameron on Barclay St 1301.95

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A. Bunker, Bute St \$33.33  
do , Hornby St 274.32  
J. A. Gow, False Creek Bridge 774.32

Geo Murray, City Hall 8.00  
Jos Dixon, School House 130.50

Sgd., Chas. A. Coldwell, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Clark. That the report of the Board of Works be adopted. Carried.

#### Introduction of By-Laws

Alderman Clark introduced a By-Law to fix the time and appoint Deputy Returning Officers for the election of Mayor and Aldermen for the year A. D. 1889, which was read a first time on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Humphries.

The rules were suspended and the By-Law read a second time on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Humphries.

#### Committee of the Whole

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on By-Law with Alderman Clark in the Chair.

The By-Law was numbered 71 and read over clause by clause after which the Committee rose to report the By-Law as complete with amendments.

The By-Law was then read a third time on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Humphries and

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was authorized to be signed sealed and gazetted.

#### Motions

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Dougall. That the account of the Express Co. amounting to \$720.00 be paid if found correct. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Clark Coldwell seconded by Alderman Dougall. That the Finance Committee be asked to ascertain if there are funds available for the printing of 10,000 copies of a pamphlet, costing about \$250.00, giving concise information regarding the mineral resources of British Columbia. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Coldwell. That the City Clerk be instructed to communicate with the President of the Electric Illuminating Co. asking him if it is the intention of his Company to carry out the contract for Street Lighting as entered into with the City of Vancouver. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That the Police Committee be authorized to employ the services of three extra Constables for Special Night Service till the end of the year. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Humphries. That the Mayor be and he is hereby instructed to telegraph to the Dominion Government asking them if they will accept a site for a Post Office and Customs House, from the Corporation of the City of Vancouver in a central part of the City. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That Alderman Alexander and Alderman Dougall be appointed a Committee to select a site for a Post Office and Customs House in a central part of the City. Carried.

Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Coldwell. That the By-Law to change the name of Dupont Street, east of Westminster Avenue to Princess Street be read a second time. Carried.

Committee of the Whole

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on the By-Law with Alderman Clark in the Chair.

The By-Law was numbered 72 and read over clause by clause and reported to Council as complete with amendments.

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The By-Law was then read a third time on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Coldwell and ordered to be engrossed signed sealed and gazetted.

A report was received from His Worship the Mayor submitting a statement of the expenditure of the \$300.00 in connection with the Toronto Exhibition and giving a recapitulation of the efforts made in support of a display of British Columbia resources etc.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Dougall. That the report be received and published. Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk